# Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Construction

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#### **BMPs for Construction**

 Goal: Retain sediment and other pollutants on site

- Mechanisms:
  - 1. Proper planning
  - 2. Prevent erosion
  - 3. Practice good housekeeping
  - 4. Use structural BMPs as a last defense

## 1. Site Planning

- Recognize topography, soils, drainage patterns and vegetation at the site
- Delineate clearing limits, easements, setbacks, sensitive or critical areas, trees, drainage courses, and buffer zones to prevent excessive or unnecessary disturbances and exposure.
- Avoid construction on steep slopes
- Align temporary and permanent roads and driveways along slope contours



- Phase grading operations to reduce disturbed areas and time of exposure
- Avoid excavation and grading during wet weather

#### 2. Prevent Erosion

- Divert upland runoff around exposed soil
- Install erosion control devices
- Use soil stabilizers as appropriate
- Use temporary seeding and planting to reduce erosion potential
- Remove existing vegetation only when absolutely necessary
- Roughen or terrace slopes when grading

## 3. Practice Good Housekeeping

- Construct stabilized access/entrance
- Utilize entrance/exit tire wash
- Use dry sweeping methods where possible
- Filter sediments in process water
- Check sites frequently (prevention)
- Minimize exposure to rain
- Train employees to recognize problems
- Use a concrete washout area

#### 4. Utilize Structural BMPs

 Use structural BMPs to protect inlets, reduce velocity, and settle sediment

 BMPs are widely available and include more than silt fence

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## Structural BMPs (examples)

- Flow barrier (e.g., silt fence)
- Inlet protection
- Settling (e.g., detention/retention)
- Velocity reduction (e.g., check dam)

#### Structural BMPs

EPA Menu of BMPs:

- www.epa.gov/npdes/menuofbmps
- http://interests.caes.uga.edu/watershed/ep a bmps.htm

## Structural BMPs

Urban Drainage Criteria Manual

http://www.udfcd.org/

### Sample Checklist:

- Preserve existing vegetation
- Divert upland runoff around exposed soil
- Seed/mulch bare soil
- 4. Use sediment barriers
- Protect slopes/channels from gullying
- 6. Install sediment traps/basins
- Preserve vegetation near all waterways



## **Preserving Vegetation**





#### Site Stabilization





## Maintaining Site Entrances





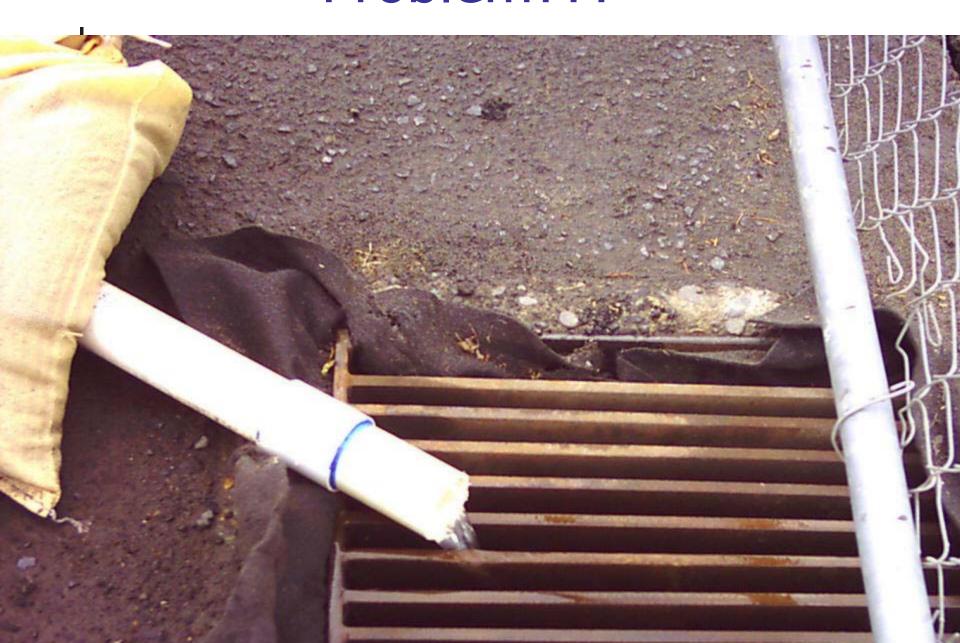
#### **Inlet Protection**



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Dewatering







## Maintaining Slopes







Silt Fence – Keyed and Trenched



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